

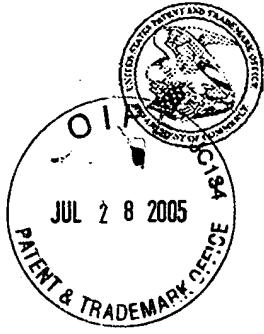
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NOTICE REQUIRING EXTENSION OF TIME FEE
No New Time Period is Provided

Applicant's reply to the Office Action mailed on 12/29/05 was received in the Office on 5/24/05, which is after the expiration of the period for reply set in the Office action. The time period for reply continues to run from the mailing date of the Office action. This application will become ABANDONED unless applicant obtains an extension of time by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) accompanied by the appropriate fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)-(5) within the maximum extendable time period for reply (e.g., six months for a reply to a non-final rejection).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee due. The expiration of the time period is determined by the amount of the fee paid. In no case may an applicant reply later than the maximum period of SIX (6) MONTHS statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action.

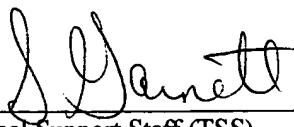
- 1. The appropriate extension of time fee is missing.
- 2. The extension of time fee submitted is insufficient.
- 3. The funds in Deposit Account No. _____ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
- 4. The Credit Card payment to cover the entire fee due to Account _____ (Card type + last 4 digits ONLY) was refused. The balance is due within the time period set forth in this notice. See note below regarding the appropriate service charge.
- 5. Other.

Explanation (Provide specific details of the required correction in order to assist the applicant. Indicate whether a service charge has been added to the fee due):

Additional is due

THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, GENERALLY ON OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR (37 CFR 1.17 & 1.21). THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE(S) DUE IS DETERMINED AS OF THE DATE A COMPLETE REPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE(S) IS RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE (37 CFR 1.8 & 1.10). BECAUSE THE AMOUNT DUE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT APPLICANT CHECK THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE WHICH IS AVAILABLE ON THE USPTO'S WEBSITE AT: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/ac/qs/ope/fees.htm>

Service Charges: There is a \$50 service charge for processing each payment refused (including a check returned "unpaid") or charged back by a financial institution (37 CFR 1.21(m)). There is a \$25.00 service charge for each month when the balance of a deposit account is below \$1000 at the end of the month (37 CFR 1.21(b)(2)).


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Note to TSS: Please do NOT use this notice if the application is under a final rejection.



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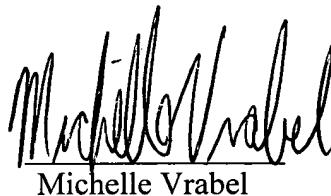
NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE
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In re application of: : Examiner:
HARRY W. EBERLE III :
Serial No. 10/037,325 : ERNESTO GARCIA
Filing Date: January 3, 2002 : Group Art Unit: 3679
For: DECKING SYSTEM AND :
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: HWE-107A

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